APPENDIX A – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

4.   (Amended) A method according to Claim 2[**or Claim 3**], wherein each identifier is an identifier of a group having a particular characteristic.

6.   (Amended) A method according to <u>claim 2</u>[**any of Claims 2 to 5**], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.

7.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message includes a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.

8.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message includes a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.

9.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message includes a priority specifier specifying <u>a</u>[**the**] priority of the message.

10.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message includes a signature for verifying the contents of the message.

11.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message is encrypted.

12.   (Amended) A method according to [**any preceding**]claim_<u>1</u>, wherein the message is repetitively broadcast at a predetermined cycle rate.

17.   (Amended) A method according to <u>claim 14</u>[**any of Claims 14 to 16**], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be

combined, the receiver/decoder applying said at least one operator to said plurality of identifiers to determine whether the user is in the group of users.

18.   (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 17], comprising generating a signal for advising the user of receipt of the message by the receiver/decoder.

19.   (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 18], wherein the signal representative of the text portion is output in response to a request from the user.

20.   (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 19], wherein the signal representative of the text portion is output automatically by the receiver/decoder.

25.   (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 23[or Claim 24], wherein each identifier is an identifier of a group having a particular characteristic.

27.   (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 23[any of Claims 23 to 26], comprising means for including in said message at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.

28.   (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 27], comprising means for including in said message a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.

29.   (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 28], comprising means fot including in said message a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.

30.   (Amended) Apparatus according to <u>claim 22</u>[any of Claims 22 to 29], comprising means for including in said message a priority specifier for specifying <u>a</u>[the] priority of the message.

31.   (Amended) Apparatus according to <u>claim 22</u>[any of Claims 22 to 30], comprising means for generating a signature for verifying the contents of the message.

32.   (Amended) Apparatus according to <u>claim 22</u>[any of Claims 22 to 30], comprising means for encrypting the message.

33.   (Amended) Apparatus for broadcasting a message<u>, said message comprising a text portion to be communicated to a user, said apparatus comprising means for generating said message in the form of an entitlement management message, and</u>[generated by apparatus according to any of Claims 22 to 32, comprising] means for broadcasting said [message in the form of an]entitlement management message to a user's receiver/decoder.

39.   (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to <u>claim 36</u>[any of Claims 36 to 38], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined, the receiver/decoder comprising means for applying said at least one operator to said plurality of identifiers to determine whether the user is in the group of users.

40.   (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to <u>claim 35</u>[any of Claims 35 to 39], comprising means for generating a signal for advising the user of receipt of the message by the receiver/decoder.

41.   (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to <u>claim 35</u>[**any of Claims 35 to 40**], comprising means for receiving a request from the user for output of the signal representative of the text portion.

42.   (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to <u>claim 35</u>[**any of Claims 35 to 40**], wherein the output means is adapted to output automatically the signal representative of the text portion.

48.   (Amended) A message according to <u>claim 45</u>[**any of Claims 45 to 47**], including at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.

49.   (Amended) A message according to <u>claim 44</u>[**any of Claims 44 to 48**], including a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.

50.   (Amended) A message according to <u>claim 44</u>[**any of Claims 44 to 49**], including a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.

51.   (Amended) A message according to <u>claim 44</u>[**any of Claims 44 to 50**], including a priority specifier for specifying <u>a</u>[**the**] priority of the message.

52.   (Amended) A <u>message</u>[**method**] according to <u>claim 44</u>[**any of Claims 44 to 50**], including a signature for verifying the contents of the message.

53.   (Amended) A signal comprising an entitlement management message<u>, the entitlement management message comprising a text portion for communication to a user</u>[**according to any of Claims 44 to 52**].

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APPENDIX B – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method of broadcasting a message having a text portion to be communicated to a user, the method including[**comprising**] broadcasting the message in the form of an entitlement management message for reception by the user.